## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE $22^{ND}$ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WAYNE

IN RE: 22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT--DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

NO. 55 MD 2020

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Per the Supreme Court's Order dated March 16, 2020 and the declaration of a Judicial Emergency in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District for the time period of March 16, 2020 through April 14, 2020, the following apply immediately until further Order of Court:

- 1. All Court operations are limited to essential functions ONLY at this time.
- 2. The Court previously issued to staff a Public Health Emergency Response Memo dated March 13, 2020 regarding certain staff procedures. This Memo is specifically declared to fall within the authority granted by the Declaration of Judicial Emergency and is restated and reauthorized here.
- 3. Members of the Bar and the public, especially those experiencing illness symptoms, should not visit the Courthouse or Magisterial Court offices unless absolutely necessary or as required by Order of Court. If you have a question about whether or not you should come to a court office, please contact the office in advance of your arrival.
- 4. Time calculations are suspended for the purposes of time computation relevant to court cases or other judicial business for the period of time covered by the emergency declaration.
- 5. The expanded use of advanced communication technology is authorized to conduct court proceedings for the period of time covered by the emergency declaration.
- 6. The application of Pa.R.Crim.P. 600 is suspended for the period of time covered by the emergency declaration.

CERTIFIED FROM THE RECORD

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- 7. Court facilities are opened only for Essential Functions ONLY until such time as safe operation of the court and its offices can be restored. Essential Functions include: Emergency legal matters, Mental Health Reviews, Bench Warrants and Detainer hearings, Emergency and Temporary Protection from Abuse Processing, Emergency Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Hearings, Emergency Guardianships, Preliminary Hearings for jailed Defendants, Preliminary Arraignments, and bail hearings.
- 8. All Court calendars, appearances, scheduling notices, and subpoenas previously issued by the Court for the period covered by the emergency declaration are cancelled. Future scheduling involving Essential Functions is not affected by this Order.
- 9. All motions requiring immediate attention may be emailed to Court Administration at: nhendrix@waynecountypa.gov.
- 10. All hearings and conferences, including motions court, previously scheduled during the period of time covered by the emergency declaration are postponed until further order of court. Future scheduling involving Essential Functions is not affected by this Order.
- 11. All Court Orders and local rules of Court that address time requirements, time limitations, or filing deadlines are tolled for the period of time covered by the emergency declaration.
- 12. All Magisterial District Court offices are directed to implement similar strategies to minimize exposure to themselves and the public.
- 13. All Magisterial District Courts shall utilize video conferencing capabilities with the Wayne County Correctional Facility and law enforcement agencies.

BY THE COURT:

JANINE EDWARDS
PRESIDENT HIDGE